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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : POLONENKO, Daniel; et al.
Serial No. : 09/330,593
Filed : June 11, 1999
Title : PROCESS FOR EX VITRO SOWING AND
GERMINATION OF PLANT SOMATIC EMBRYOS
Group Art Unit : 1661
Examiner : GRUNBERG, A.

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated October 29, 2001. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is being presented concurrently herewith.

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1 to 4 and claim 21.

Cancel claim 44 and claims 50-52.

Amend claims 5, 10, 12 to 16, 18 to 20, 22 to 30, 34, 35, 39 to 43, 45, 48, 49, 53 and 57 to read as follows:

-- 5. (Amended) The process of claim 53 wherein said at least one environmental factor of said controlled environment is selected from the group consisting of a moisture level within said three-phase substrate, atmospheric humidity, temperature, nutrients, ambient light intensity and diurnal photoperiod.